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In re Patent Application of:)	
Gao et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	Atty. Docket No.: 24958A
THE COOLING OF FILAMENTS IN A)	
FILAMENT FORMING PROCESS)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as indicated. A request for a one-month extension of time is also included with this amendment.